Principal’s Corner,

Congratulations to Zoe and Lucinda, our two state cross country champions. Out of all the primary schools in Victoria, it is amazing to have one let alone two state champions from the same school at the one championship. Well done to the girls for all their hard work, their parents for their encouragement and support and Mr. Clarke for training the girls at school and his high quality Phys. Ed. program. We wish both girls all the very best at the National Championships in Perth. We are very proud of you both.

This week I attended another two days at BASTOW; the Victorian Institute of School Leadership. I have now completed phase three of the Growth Coaching International coaching accreditation. After completing phase 4 over the next 6 months I will be officially accredited as an international coach. This adds to my skills in coaching teachers and leaders at Altona P.S. It also enables my role, as a state school principal, to coach new and experienced principals.

We have added to the array of extra curricula activities at lunch time to include a chess and movie making group. We also have choirs, the library open, guitar and rock groups, Junior School Council, elearning leaders, various sports teams training, ukulele groups and the robotics club. Thank you to the staff who give up their lunch time to run these activities.

Thank you to our parent group for again running the Farmers Market.

We are having the 100 year celebration next year. The committee is working hard and meeting regularly to prepare for next year. If you have any photos, memorabilia or stories we would love to share them.

I am really pleased with the start of term 3. The Prep parents for 2015 who tour through the school are amazed at how well the children work, their behaviour, manners and the quality of their work.

A note will be going home shortly for the grade 4 2015 netbook program. We are really pleased with the DELL netbooks and aim to continue using them.

The art show is looking fabulous. The variety and quality of the students’ work will all be proudly displayed as we turn our new building into an art gallery.

The parent survey will be posted out next week. A random sample of 10%, or 57 families in our case, is selected by DEECD. These families are requested to complete the survey. It is all totally confidential. Last year only 45% of the selected families completed the survey placing us in the bottom 30% of schools in regards to surveys completed. We would like to achieve a 100% return rate this year.

Have a great weekend
Kevin Enright
Principal
Altona Primary School No. 3923 will celebrate 100 years in education in 2015

Altona Primary School is honoured to reach its milestone of one hundred years. This significant milestone will bring our community of the past, present and future together. Recording and preserving the history and story of Altona Primary School and sharing experiences, will enrich the lives of our school community and shape the direction of the school’s future.

Learning from the Past..... Exploring the Present....Shaping our Future

Centenary Celebrations in 2015
Altona Primary School will be celebrating its rich 100 year history throughout the year and we will be holding Centenary Celebrations during Monday 19th October to Saturday 24th October 2015 an exciting week long program involving the whole school community.

Are you part of the school's history? We want to hear from you
Are you, or someone you know closely linked to Altona Primary School’s rich history? We would love to hear from you. We are collating images, memorabilia and stories of people whose families have been part of the school for generations.

Please see below for contact details:

Altona Primary School – 3923
109 Blyth Street, Altona 3018
Telephone: 03 9398 2925
altonaprimarycentenary@altonaps.vic.edu.au
Contact: Liz Brown
Art Show Grand opening
Wednesday 13th August
7.30pm – 10pm – Adults only

Thursday 14th August
Art Show 3.30pm – 7pm - All welcome

Friday 15th August
Art show 3.30pm – 6pm – All welcome

Saturday 16th August
Art show 10am – 12pm – All welcome

Tuesday 19th August
Athletics day Grades 3-6

Thursday 28th August
Festival of Performing arts (FOPA)

Wednesday 3rd September 2014
Curriculum day
3-Way Student Led Conferences

Friday 19th September 2014
End of Term 3
“3 WAY STUDENT LED CONFERENCES”

When: Wednesday 3rd September 2014 (10:00am – 7.30pm)
Where: Classrooms
Who will participate: The student, parents/carers and the classroom teacher

It is crucial for every family to participate to support your child’s learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday 3rd September 2014 “3 Way Student Led Conferences” will be held for all students from Prep – Year 6. As this is a Curriculum Day students will not be required to attend school, other than their scheduled conference time with their parents.

At Altona Primary School we aim to give the learner increasing responsibility and ownership for their learning so they can develop into independent, life-long learners. A ‘Student-Led Conference’ is a way to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning, actions and decisions. It also demonstrates that, together, we will support their learning and celebrate their achievements.

Roles & Responsibilities:

Students:
- Student plan and prepare their work for discussion with the support of their teacher. During the conference students demonstrate their learning goals with evidence of their learnings. This enables students to share their work in a confident and articulate manner.

Parents:
- Parents are expected to attend the conference with their child. Parents can offer support and encouragement, be active listeners and praising their efforts.

Teachers:
- Teachers support students to develop their confidence to share their work and understandings effectively. They play a crucial role in supporting students to plan & prepare the work they choose to present as evidence of their learning. Teachers support students in selecting effective presentation skills. Teachers will also assist with other information for parents regarding their child’s learning.

The conference will take approximately 15 minutes. The structure of the conference may differ across year levels, however, this opportunity allows for students, parents and teachers to meet and continue a partnership that will produce the best possible learning environment for your child and to celebrate their achievements.

With thanks

Leadership Team

The online-booking system for appointments will be opened by 28th July 2014
Dear Parents and Carers

Student led conferences will be held between 10am – 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions. BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 24th of June at 9am

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, you can come to the office and we can book a time for you.

These student led conferences are strictly 15 mins. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

BOOKING WILL CLOSE at 3:30pm Tuesday 2nd September 2014.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
Cross Country
Last week I had the pleasure of watching both Lucinda Rourke and Zoe Woods become state champions at the Cross Country Championships held at Bundoora Park. Zoe took out the 11 years girls age group and Lucinda took out the 10 years girls age group. This means that both girls are number one in all of Victoria for Cross Country running events. Both girls will now go on to the Australian National Championships to be held in Western Australia in August.
I was very proud of both girls and amazed at their competitive spirit. The results that they got are just reward for the hard work and dedication they have put into their training over the year. Well done Lucinda and Zoe!!

Athletics Day
As you will be aware, this term our Grade 3-6 students will be taking part in the House Athletics Carnival to be held on Tuesday August the 19th. This really is a great day that our whole school community enjoys together.
In preparation for the event, I am asking for any parents who might be able to give up some time on the day to help out. It really does make a big difference with the more helpers we can get. I would love for all of our helpers to share the load evenly which means a lot of help is required.
If you can give up some time on Tuesday the 19th of August could you please fill out the below and return back to me as soon as possible. I will work out a schedule as soon as I can and distribute it via email and a hard copy to your child.

PARENT HELPERS
I am able to attend the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday the 19th August 2014 as a Parent Helper.

Helper’s name:.................................................................................................................

Email address:..................................................... & contact number........................................

Child’s name:.......................................................... Grade:.................................

Time available to help (please circle one) Full Day (9:30 am-2:30 pm)
9:30 am to 12:00 pm
11:45 pm to 2:30 pm

Mr. Clarke
Parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to attend the opening of Altona Primary School’s Art Show.

Grand Opening:  Wednesday 13th August  Time: 7.30pm-10pm
Opening Night Cost: $15.00 Ticket includes light refreshments, finger food and an auction of art works.
Opening night ticket also allows purchaser return entry to any other sessions.

The “Grand Opening” is an adults evening.

There are three other viewing sessions for parents to bring their children.

Session 1: Thursday 14th August  Time: 3.30pm-7pm
Session 2: Friday 15th August  Time: 3.30pm-6pm
Session 3: Saturday 16th August  Time: 10am-12noon (During the Farmer’s Market)
Cost: $2.00 per child  $5.00 per adult

During all sessions parents will be able to view and purchase the art work of their talented children.
Families will have first preference in purchasing their own child’s art work.
Art work will be priced at $10.00 per item.

Art Show Ticket Order Form

Complete session applicable and return with money to class teacher.
Family name:........................................ Grade:........................................

| Art Show Opening Night Tickets: Wednesday 13th August 2014 |
| Time: 7.30pm-10pm  Cost: $15.00 per adult (no children for this session) |
| Number of tickets required: ____________________  Total cost: $__________________ |

| Art Show Session One  Thursday 14th August 2014 |
| Time: 3.30pm-7pm  Cost: $5.00 per adult  $2.00 per child |
| Number of tickets required |
| Adult  ____________________  Children  ________________ |
| Total cost: $______________ |

| Art Show Session Two  Friday 15th August 2014 |
| Time: 3.30pm-6pm  Cost: $5.00 per adult  $2.00 per child |
| Number of tickets required |
| Adult  ____________________  Children  ________________ |
| Total cost: $______________ |

| Art Show Session Three  Saturday 16th August 2014 |
| Time: 10am-12noon  Cost: $5.00 per adult  $2.00 per child |
| Number of tickets required |
| Adult  ____________________  Children  ________________ |
| Total cost: $______________ |
Book Club

All orders for Issue 5 of the Book Club orders should be in by Friday August 1st.

We have had a couple of children with confirmed cases of Chickenpox. Please see your health care professional should your child/ren be unwell.

Preps for 2015

If you know of any friends or family who wish to enroll their children at Altona Primary School – please let them know that enrolments will close on 1st September 2014.
The Parent’s Club can be contacted anytime by email: APSParentClub@altonaps.vic.edu.au

**Farmers Market Dates.**

16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and 20 December

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Please contact Anne Sheehan: warehouse@secon.com.au or mobile 0435 130-355 for further information.

**Second-hand Uniform Donations**

Just a friendly reminder that second-hand uniform donations are gratefully appreciated, but please ensure that they are in “good used condition”.

For anyone interested in purchasing items they are located in the cupboard outside the staff room. Items are priced at $1.00 each. Payments are to be made directly to the office.

**Obstacle-a-thon:**

New date to be advised.

Unfortunately, the Obstacle-a-thon had to be postponed due to weather conditions. Watch this space for the new day and time in Term 3.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Farmers Market**

16th August, 2014

**Obstacle-a-thon**

To be advised

**PARENTS CLUB MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

**SHOPPERS CARDS**

Our Shoppers Cards are being revamped. Watch out for the new and improved cards available soon!!

**ICY POLES**

Return in Term 4.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Every Friday. Please limit deposits to $10 or under.

**AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT**

Want to sign up? Fill in the form available at the Office or call Rohan Day on 0419905544. Please also consider nominating Altona Primary School for a percentage of any orders you currently have with Aussie Farmers Direct!

**Entertainment Books**

New Book Out Now

The Parent’s Club are again selling Entertainment Books. Jump online to look at some of the great deals it contains! They are priced at $65 each for either digital or hard copy.
REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR THE FATHER’S DAY STALL – 7 SEPTEMBER 2014

In order to make the Father’s Day Stall this year a little different and more interesting, we are asking any creative parents to donate handmade items for the stall, especially those who are unable to help during the year – in the classroom, at working bees, school events, etc.

DELIVERY of said items would need to be by Friday 22/7/14, but it would be very much appreciated if a firm commitment could be received by Friday 11/7/14.

QUANTITIES of donated stock would need to be enough to cover 24 classes and will be sold between $1 - $5 each.

DONATED ITEMS could be anything - pot plants, ties, books, ceramics, cards, book marks, etc…… However, no food items will be allowed.

If you are able to help, then please fill in the form below, informing the Parents Club what item is to be donated, quantity intended.

Thank you in advance for your creative flair and kind donation.

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